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*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the January 1, 2011 Cattle Death Loss Report. Losses of cattle by cause are reported for selected states and the U.S.*

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## Idaho Cattle Industry Suffers \$58.7 Million in Death Loss

Idaho cattle producers lost an estimated 93,000 head of cattle and calves from all causes in 2010. Losses were valued at \$58.7 million. Losses from predators accounted for 6,100 head, 6.6 percent of the total. Non-predator losses accounted for 86,900 head, 93.4 percent of the total.

Predator losses were valued at \$3.32 million. Wolves accounted for 30.0 percent of the cattle lost to predators and 47.4 percent of the calves. Coyotes accounted for 26.9 percent of calves lost to predators.

Non-predator losses were valued at \$55.3 million. Respiratory problems were the largest cause of non-predator deaths, accounting for 25.6 percent of the cattle lost and 33.9 percent of the calves. The second largest non-predator cause was digestive problems, accounting for 13.4 percent of the cattle and 24.9 percent of the calves.

## Losses of Cattle and Calves: Inventory, and Total Loss by Category, Selected States and United States, 2005 and 2010

State/Year	January 1 <sup>1</sup> Inventory		Losses of Cattle and Calves					
			Predators		Non-predators		All Causes <sup>1</sup>	
	Cattle	Calves	Cattle	Calves	Cattle	Calves	Cattle	Calves
	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head
Idaho								
2005	1,825,000	285,000	500	2,000	41,500	61,000	42,000	63,000
2010	1,955,000	245,000	1,900	4,200	40,100	46,800	42,000	51,000
Montana								
2005	2,300,000	50,000	600	2,400	19,400	43,600	20,000	46,000
2010	2,400,000	100,000	1,000	4,200	22,000	52,800	23,000	57,000
Oregon								
2005	1,250,000	170,000	400	4,100	22,600	37,900	23,000	42,000
2010	1,160,000	170,000	600	3,200	19,400	31,800	20,000	35,000
Utah								
2005	705,000	95,000	100	2,500	14,900	23,500	15,000	26,000
2010	690,000	110,000	300	2,300	12,700	23,700	13,000	26,000
Washington								
2005	964,000	136,000	900	1,600	20,100	21,400	21,000	23,000
2010	945,000	145,000	200	1,500	19,800	17,500	20,000	19,000
Wyoming								
2005	1,315,000	85,000	500	3,500	10,500	27,500	11,000	31,000
2010	1,205,000	95,000	400	3,500	10,600	26,500	11,000	30,000
United States <sup>2</sup>								
2005	80,990,000	15,336,000	34,000	156,000	1,683,000	2,178,000	1,717,000	2,334,000
2010	78,071,600	14,497,300	39,800	180,100	1,694,000	2,079,000	1,733,800	2,259,100

<sup>1</sup> Inventory reference date is January 1 of the following year.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes Alaska

**Losses of Cattle and Calves: Value per Head and Total Loss Value by Category,  
Selected States and United States, 2005 and 2010**

State/year	Value per Head		Total Value			
			Predator Losses		Non-predator Losses	
	Cattle <sup>1</sup>	Calves <sup>2</sup>	Cattle	Calves	Cattle	Calves
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
Idaho						
2005	985	378	493	756	40,878	23,058
2010	967	354	1,837	1,487	38,777	16,567
Montana						
2005	1,129	414	677	994	21,903	18,050
2010	1,058	384	1,058	1,613	23,276	20,275
Oregon						
2005	966	357	386	1,464	21,832	13,530
2010	972	345	583	1,104	18,857	10,971
Utah						
2005	1,030	402	103	1,005	15,347	9,447
2010	984	360	295	828	12,497	8,532
Washington						
2005	1,030	375	927	600	20,703	8,025
2010	949	342	190	513	18,790	5,985
Wyoming						
2005	1,113	420	557	1,470	11,687	11,550
2010	1,094	396	438	1,386	11,596	10,494
United States <sup>3</sup>						
2005	970	396	31,587	61,087	1,634,747	863,828
2010	952	354	35,720	62,755	1,615,102	737,797

<sup>1</sup> Cattle value per head is based on a two-year straight average of the value of beef cows reported in the January 1 Cattle survey from 2005 and 2006, and 2010 and 2011.

<sup>2</sup> Calf value per head is based on the market year average calf price. An average weight of 300 pounds was used in all States.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes Alaska. United States value per head for cattle and calves derived.

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